

HOUSE BILL 2697

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 12, relative to campaign contributions by persons bidding on or who have been awarded state contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

2-10-3____.

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, from the time a contract for goods or services for the state is awarded until six (6) months following the completion of the contract, no person who has been awarded a state contract shall be permitted to:

(1) Offer or make contributions, either directly or indirectly, to a member of the general assembly or the governor; or

(2) Contribute to a political campaign committee if such committee makes contributions to members of the general assembly or the governor.

(b)

(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a person has made a bid to provide goods or services for the state, such person shall not be permitted to:

(A) Offer or make contributions, either directly or indirectly, to a member of the general assembly or the governor; or

(B) Contribute to a political campaign committee if such committee makes contributions to members of the general assembly or the governor.

(2) This subsection (b) shall apply beginning with the date a bid is submitted to provide goods or services for the state until the person receives written confirmation that the bid was awarded to another person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.